

CPlay – May Update.



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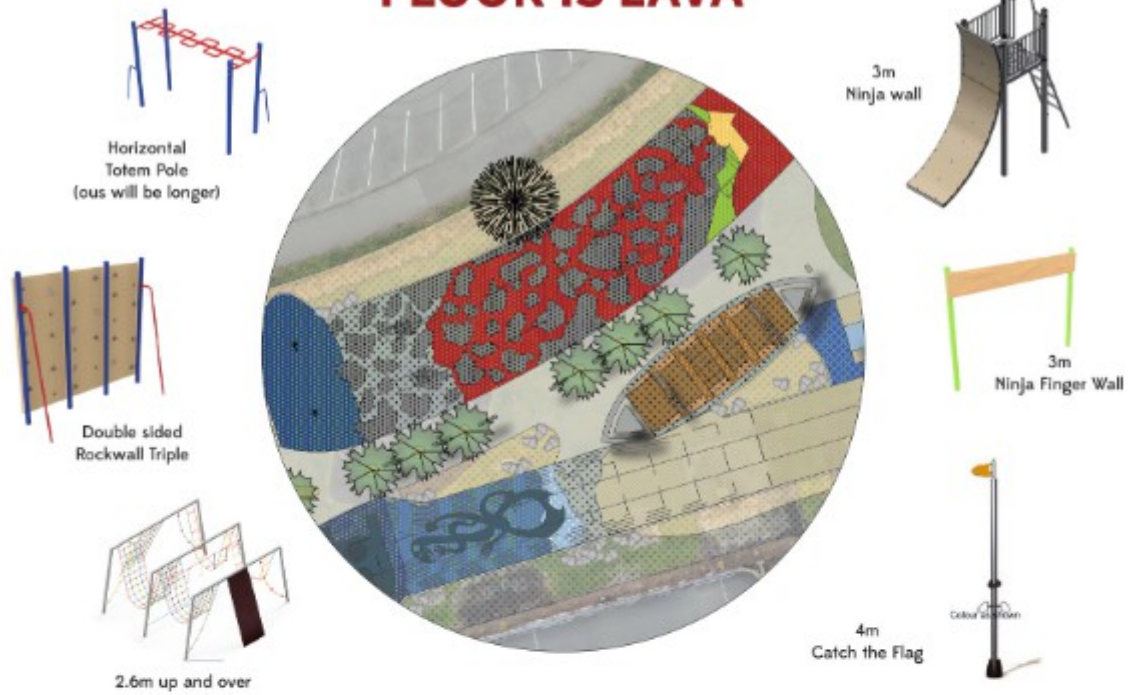


Hi

Huge milestone met this month! We installed the first of our play equipment!

It was an exciting day to witness the first foundation holes and install of the 'floor is lava' obstacle course. In the photo above you can see the climbing wall and the finger grip challenges being installed with the guidance of the 'level staff' tool, to ensure everything is standing level and plumb.

FLOOR IS LAVA



This "Floor is Lava" obstacle course has our older kids and adults in mind.

You asked for more challenging things to play on, so we've designed this area for those who have been developing their strength and abilities.

On this course, you could race up one side, cross over, and race back down the other. You can use the equipment from either direction and try to miss the lava on the way.

We are looking forward to seeing the different obstacle routes that people create with the equipment, layout, and themes we have chosen:

- Horizontal Totem Pole
- Double-sided Hand and Foot Rockwall
- 2.6m Up and Over Net
- 3m Ninja Wall
- 3m Ninja Finger Wall
- 4m Catch the Flag

The course (and the easier to play on equipment throughout the playground) can help you develop your grip strength.

Good grip strength is important for everyday tasks, injury prevention, physical performance, functional independence, overall strength development, and hand health.

Teachers have told us that finger strength is important for learning because it enables the development of fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and proper control of tasks such as writing, drawing, and using devices. It enhances handwriting legibility, endurance, and the ability to manipulate objects, contributing to more efficient and effective learning experiences.

There is a 'floor is lava' pattern on the surface as an easier alternative.

The theme links back to our local lava story, the most recent volcanic activity in the South Island, that formed our terrain, reefs, habitat, and construction material. Bringing some imaginative play into the area makes it more engaging, fun, and fosters creativity.

We can't wait to give this a go when it opens!

Here are some photos taken by CPlay volunteer, Roselyn Fauth over the month.







Thank you to Jack Rushton who has been taking regular drone photos for us. Above Jack shows Annabelle Fauth (4) how the drone works. Below is his latest drone view showing May's progress.



Shady trees donation for Altrusa's 50th Anniversary



ABOVE: Altrusa members Lorraine Watkins, Robyn Brien and CPlay volunteer Roselyn Fauth with the trees in the council yard ready to be planted at the new playground at Caroline Bay.

As part of Altrusa International of Timarus' recent 50th anniversary celebrations, CPlay were gifted five trees to provide some shade, colour, and beauty. CPlay volunteer Roselyn Fauth met with Lorraine Watkins and Robyn Brien from Altrusa to thank them and show them the trees which arrived this month.

"We'll look forward to watching them grow and become an integral part of a fun and inclusive space for our young people to play, develop social skills and most of all enjoy!" Said Robyn Brien.

CPlay would also like to thank Timaru District Council for their help in selecting and sourcing the trees. They needed to have the right shape, strength, trunk, roots, and tolerate the dry, sometimes frosty, and coastal conditions. They can provide shade in Summer, and lose their leaves in the Winter. It was important to us to make sure they did not have fruit or berries that can affect people with allergies, and attract wasps.

Here are some fun facts about the Lagerstroemia

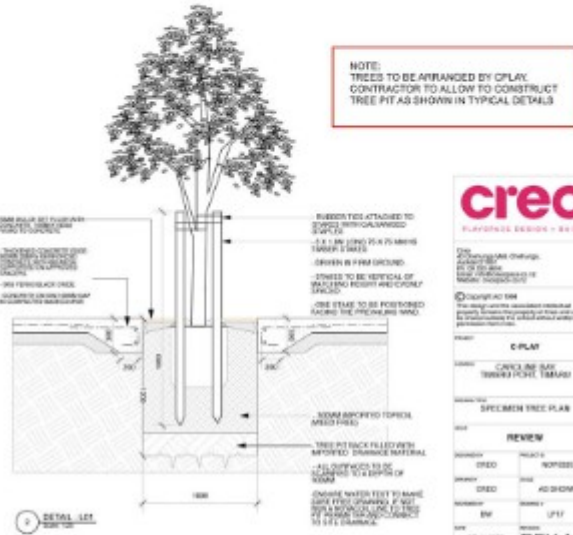
- **Crepe Myrtles have a smooth mottled bark** and beautiful Summer blooms of large, cone-shaped panicles of light-pink to pale-purple flowers.
- **The genus Lagerstroemia is named after Magnus von Lagerström**, a Swedish merchant and naturalist who supplied plants to his friend and patron Carl Linnaeus during his travels.
- **Carl Linnaeus was a Swedish botanist, zoologist, taxonomist, and physician** who developed the modern system of naming organisms known as binomial nomenclature.
- **The Japanese name for Crepe Myrtle is saru suberi**, which means "monkey slip" and refers to the smooth, slippery bark.
- **There are 50 known species of Crepe Myrtle today**, resulting from 200 years of cultivation and breeding.
- **Lagerstroemia Indica 'Crimson Red' was developed by Cecil Pounder** at the United States Department of Agriculture and distributed by J. Berry Nursery in Texas, USA. It is native to various countries in Asia.
- **Lagerstroemia Fauriei 'Townhouse' was discovered as a chance seedling** at the JC Raulston Arboretum in North Carolina, USA, and selected in the 1980s.



ABOVE Acer Griseum Paper Bark Maple (top left) and Lagerstroemia Crepe Myrtles; Indica Saint Emilion, Fauriei Townhouse, and Indica De'Puard.



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Talk soon with more updates!

Regards
CPlay Team



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